GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL PRESS CENTRE
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up the National Press Centre (NPC) in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features and the facilities proposed to be provided in the NPC;

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred for its construction work; and

(d) the time by which the centre is likely to be set up/become functional?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. JATUA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The National Press Centre (NPC) is already under construction in New Delhi. The Centre is envisaged as a State of the art Media Centre with the following facilities;

Press Conference Hall;

Library and workstations for Media Persons;

Offices for PIB; and

Other amenities to facilitate smooth working of Media.

(c): The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 60 crore.

(d): The National Press Centre is scheduled to be completed by 31st August, 2012 as per the contract awarded to the National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC), the implementing agency of the project.